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like a boarding school - so many teachers
coming for lessons & the children, we
have two pianos, after both going at
the same time & three teachers often in
the house at the same moment.

The month has been passed so busily
that it has passed swiftly, as you
remember Rosamond discovered.

Now dear Jane my bright spot is yr
visit this Spring. Dont let F. Gray
work too hard - The day of retribution
comes at last, however one may flatter
himself that a strong constitution
will bear him out in excesses of this
kind, I feel keenly the truth of what
I say. We are all well & our letters
from home bring good news - except the
state of your Grandfather Sings health.

Remember me affly to your husband
& when you write again pray tell
me a little about your health, I
could only infer that you were well
ever yr aff^l Aunt E. L. Well

My dear Jane

I was delighted to get
your note of Oct 10th & hear that you were
well & enjoying so much. I delayed
answering it because John was about
leaving us & intended saying you
visit & telling you all the news of us.
But he remained with us longer than
we ever dreamed of enjoying our
separation of nearly
five months & when he reached London
he was obliged
to give up his visit to Pontival House & to
Ashford Hall. We had a letter from him
from Liverpool. He had but little experience
in crossing over to England. The weather
was very rough & the little steamer
could not land at Dover. but was
constrained to land her passengers in

open boats at Deal, the wind
was drenched by the prospects or at least
"all but it; somewhat damped" & in
that state took the rail for London.

We were more fortunate when we came
over, though Eliza & I were as usual
ill. Your Uncle South had written
to Mr Greene to take rooms for us in a
Hotel - naming several - he mistook
the meaning of the letter, & took for us
an appartement furnished with every
thing but servants, boxes, silver, & some-
thing to comfort our needy stomachs.

Most fortunately John was awaiting us
in Paris. he saw his Father's letter to Mr
Greene at once discovered the mistake
& remedied it, as far as he could, by
going to the appartement, ordering
a nice dinner from a cafe, & a bright

fire to cheer us. The appartement was
excellent, but unfortunately Mr G
could only engage it for eight
weeks, & at the end of that time

the family were to take possession
this was a state of things that your
Uncle I did not fancy; as some one
of the party might be ill just at
the moment - so we set at once about
seeking a shelter, which we had
intended to do at our leisure, while we
were at a hotel. We are now charmingly
situated directly opposite the garden
of the Tuileries, & the beautiful sun
shines upon us all day long.

I felt at home from the moment I
reached Paris, & I believe because
dear John was there to receive us,
for I do not speak the language &
the first experience of house keeping
minus servants & every thing would
have tended to make me a little
homesick. Your Uncle South had
become quite a housekeeper, for
the first time in his life, & he
obliged to give all my directions
for me. The house seems almost